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BERLIN

An attempt at interference by East German customs police with an American military train on 20 July -- the first time an American military train has been boarded by East German authorities -- is the latest in a series of incidents involving Western access rights to Berlin. Further such incidents can be expected.

American officials report that the outlook of West Berlin's political leaders is more pessimistic than at any time since the crisis began in November. Berlin officials are concerned that the Western powers may be forced to make concessions at Geneva, and would prefer a complete breakoff in negotiations rather than any modification of the

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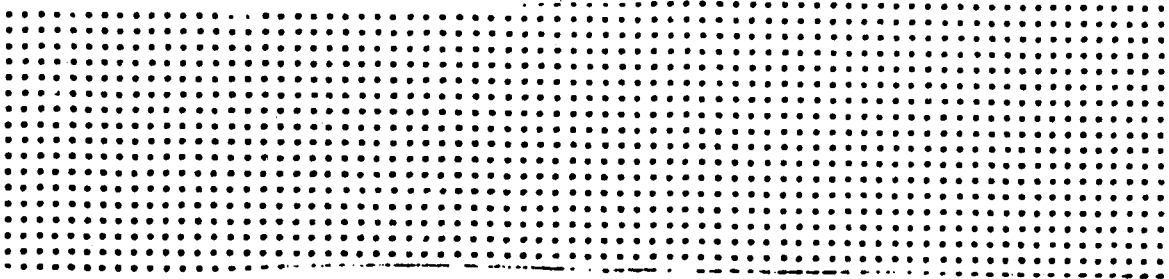
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Western powers' 16 June proposals. They fear new East German harassment of access to the city. Competent Western observers have also noted a marked decline in public morale since the recess in negotiations on 20 June.

GREECE



ARGENTINA

The naval crisis growing out of efforts to force President Frondizi to replace Navy Secretary Estevez is worsening. Some 100 top naval officers have tendered resignations. Frondizi, who is dependent on the support of the armed forces, will probably have to give in shortly -- as he did in the recent army crisis -- in order to avoid a larger threat to stability.

TUNISIA

Relations between Bourguiba and Algerian rebels appear to be deteriorating further in the wake of attacks on 19-20 and 22-23 July against Tunisian OP's in the border area.

IRAN

The Shah shows signs of discouragement with standing up to the propaganda barrage. He feels the Baghdad Pact may have to be reconsidered.



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